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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

South Vietnamese forces are fighting hard in the citadel in Quang Tri City. Elsewhere, the Communists appear to be preparing for attacks [redacted] with [redacted] recent directives. *(Page 1)* 25X1

The fedayeen, buoyed by their recent "success" in Munich, are planning more terrorism. *(Page 2)*

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Poland will soon establish diplomatic relations with West Germany. *(Page 4)*

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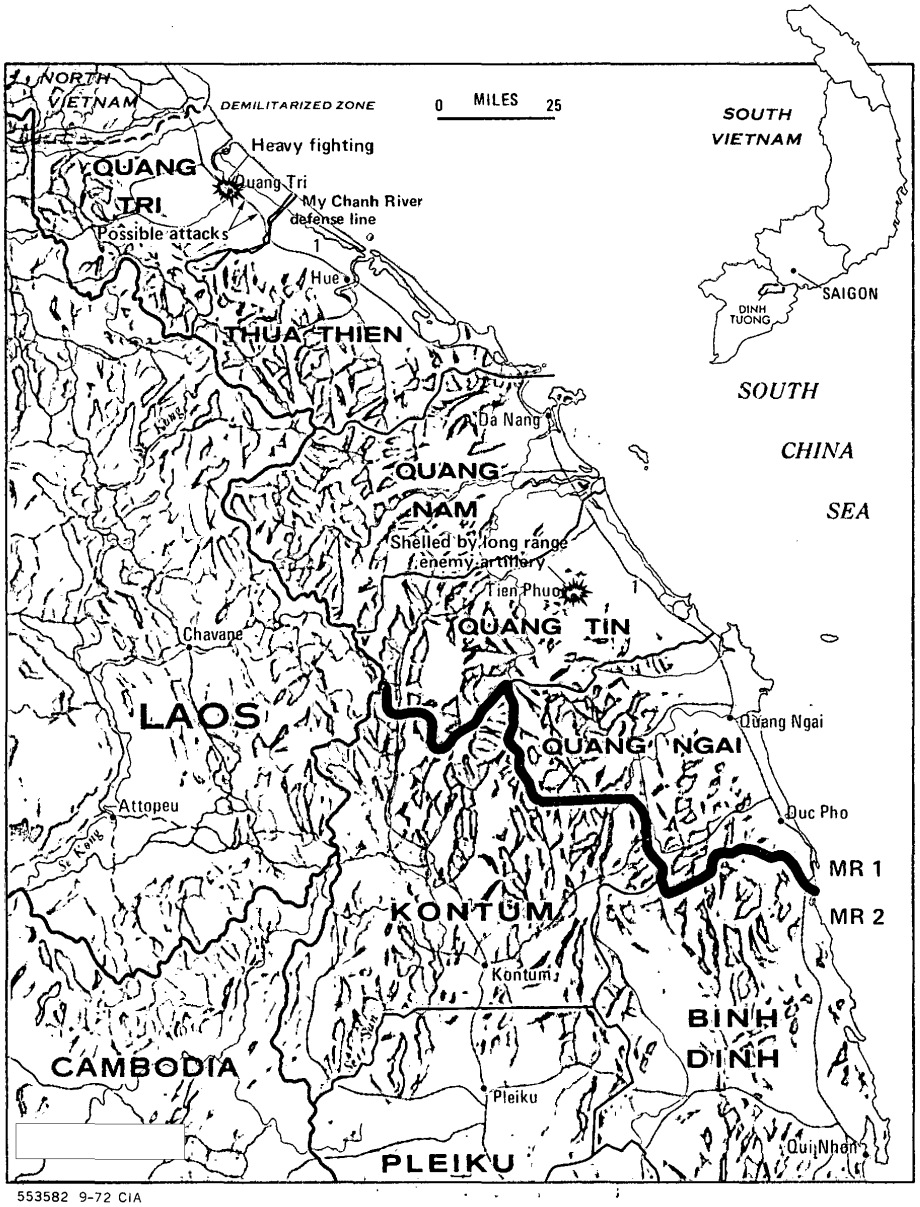

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VIETNAM

Heavy fighting continues in Quang Tri City as government forces try to consolidate their foothold in the citadel. South Vietnamese Marines penetrated to the center of the fortress on 11 September, but apparently pulled back to concentrate on securing the eastern section. According to intercepts, the government's renewed effort is hampering the flow of replacements and supplies to enemy units within the citadel. More than 15 tons of supplies and some 200 enemy troops may have been moved in, however, before the Marines attacked key positions along the Communists' primary supply route south of the citadel.

The Communists apparently are continuing their preparations for a counterattack along Route 1 south of Quang Tri City. A unit of the North Vietnamese 304th Division recently was ordered to turn over its battle plans to a regiment of the North Vietnamese 325th Division. This may indicate that some units of the 325th that were previously committed to the defense of Quang Tri City are moving south to join elements of the North Vietnamese 312th Division already in this area.

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FEDAYEEN

Members of the major fedayeen groups claim that their organizations have been reinvigorated by the "success" at Munich and reunited by Israel's subsequent retaliatory air attacks. [redacted] 25X1

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NOTES

North Vietnam: In an intercepted message of 7 September, North Vietnam's primary food importing agency acknowledged it had received from China about 85,000 tons of foodstuffs, consisting mostly of rice, maize, and wheat, as of 31 August. The Chinese had been committed to deliver more than 100,000 tons of foodstuffs during August. Even if the Chinese did not deliver all that they had promised, such imports are unusually heavy for North Vietnam and may represent insurance on Hanoi's part against what may be a poor autumn harvest.

Poland - West Germany: Poland's foreign minister begins an official visit to West Germany today. This is the first visit there of a high-level Polish official since World War II, and is expected to be the occasion for announcing the establishment of diplomatic relations. Although the two countries plan to set up embassies soon, they will not appoint ambassadors until long-standing bilateral issues, such as the resettlement of ethnic Germans, have been resolved. They may also delay this final step in normalizing their relations until Bonn completes its negotiations with East Germany and Czechoslovakia.

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